



Docket No.: 058799-0051

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shigeto OEDA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8545
Application No.: 09/975,001 : Group Art Unit: 2143
Filed: October 12, 2001 : Allowed: March 8, 2007
: Examiner: J. E. Avellino

For: LOG ACCUMULATION DEVICE WITH USER ACCURACY SETTING
MEANS AND PSEUDO-INFORMATION GENERATING MEANS (As
Amended)

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated March 8, 2007.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed March 9, 2007. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and the associated USPTO Acknowledgement Receipt.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and

(2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application Number	09975001	
Confirmation Number	8545	
Title	Log accumulation device with user accuracy setting means and pseudo-information generating means	
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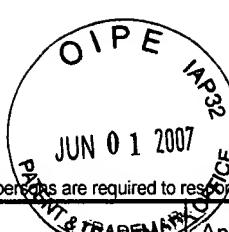
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Application Number	09/975,001
Filing Date	October 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shigeto OEDA, et al.
Art Unit	2143
Examiner Name	J. E. Avellino
Attorney Docket Number	058799-0051

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- ii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
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Signature		Date	March 9, 2007
Name (Print/Type)	Keith E. George	Registration No.	34,111

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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, LOG ACCUMULATION CONTROL DEVICE, CONTENTS DELIVERY CONTROL DEVICE, AND CONTENTS DELIVERY SYSTEM USING THESE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
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		JP10-303983	11/13/1998	Yamagishi		Abstract
		JP04-057588	2/25/1992	Murase		Abstract
		JP2000-032498	1/28/2000	Nagano et al.		Abstract
		JP2000-032499	1/28/2000	Nagano et al.		Abstract
		JP11-284584	10/15/1999	Inoue et al.		Abstract

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)**

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the March 8, 2007 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. The March 8, 2007 Statement is a cursory reference back to a more detailed Statement, which was provided in the October 10, 2006 Office Action. Although Applicants agree that the claims are patentable over the art, entry of the Statements into the record should not necessarily be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the particular reasoning set forth in the Statements, particularly to the extent that the wording used in the October 10, 2006 Statement differs substantively from the actual claim language and/or the otherwise proper interpretation of the claim language.

The Statements are not attributable to Applicants, and Applicants' positions on patentability are already on the record. Also, the language used in the October 10, 2006

Statement does not correspond to the actual recitations of independent claim 4. For example (only), the Statement refers to “dummy” information and to specific ratios of 40% and 60%. The claim does not recite dummy information and does not require any specific ratio.

The October 10, 2006 Statement concludes “For these reasons, in conjunction with the other limitations of the allowed independent claim,” claim 4 is allowable. However, that Statement provided a general argument that did not identify any specific “limitations of the allowed independent claim,” and as such, did not particularly match the claim recitations. Hence, it is unclear what “limitations” or “other limitations” are relevant to the Statement. Further the reference to the “in conjunction with the other limitations” should not be construed as placing any additional weight on or cumulative requirement for patentability with regard to any “other” individual elements of the claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants’ prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

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